

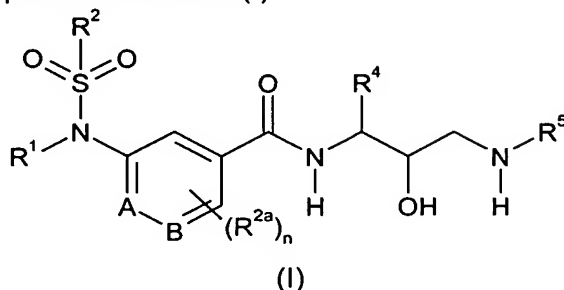
**Amendments To The Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

What is claimed is:

1. – 8. (Cancelled).

9. (New) A compound of formula (I):



wherein

R<sup>1</sup> represents aryl or heteroaryl;

R<sup>2</sup> represents C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl;

R<sup>2a</sup> represents hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl, or C<sub>1-3</sub> alkoxy;

n represents 0, 1, or 2;

A represents -C(H)=, -C(R<sup>2b</sup>)=, or -N=;

R<sup>2b</sup> represents C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl, halogen, C<sub>1-3</sub> alkoxy, amino, cyano, or hydroxy;

B represents -C(R<sup>3</sup>)= or -N=;

R<sup>3</sup> represents hydrogen, halogen, optionally substituted C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-aryl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-heteroaryl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-heterocyclyl, -C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl-aryl, -C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl-heteroaryl, -C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl-heterocyclyl, C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl, cyano, azido, nitro, sulphoxide, -NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup>, -NR<sup>9</sup>COR<sup>10</sup>, -NR<sup>11</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>12</sup>, -NR<sup>11</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>12</sup>, -OR<sup>13</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>14</sup>, -SR<sup>15</sup>, -C≡CR<sup>16</sup>, -C<sub>0-6</sub> alkyl-(CF<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, -CONR<sup>17</sup>R<sup>18</sup>, COOR<sup>19</sup>, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-NR<sup>20</sup>R<sup>21</sup>, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-N<sub>3</sub>, or R<sup>3</sup> together with R<sup>2b</sup> on adjacent carbon atoms may form a fused 5-7 membered saturated or partially saturated carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring optionally substituted by a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group;

R<sup>4</sup> represents optionally substituted C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-aryl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-heteroaryl, or -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-heterocyclyl;

R<sup>5</sup> represents hydrogen, optionally substituted C<sub>1-10</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl, -C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl, -C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl-aryl, -heterocyclyl-aryl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-aryl-heteroaryl, -C(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>)-CONH-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -C(R<sup>c</sup>R<sup>d</sup>)-CONH-C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl, -C<sub>2-6</sub> alkyl-S-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>2-6</sub> alkyl-NR<sup>e</sup>R<sup>f</sup>, -C(R<sup>g</sup>R<sup>h</sup>)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -C(R<sup>i</sup>R<sup>j</sup>)-aryl, -C(R<sup>k</sup>R<sup>l</sup>)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-aryl, -C(R<sup>m</sup>R<sup>n</sup>)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-heteroaryl, -C(R<sup>o</sup>R<sup>p</sup>)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-heterocyclyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-aryl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-heteroaryl, or -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-heterocyclyl;

R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>9</sup>, R<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup>, R<sup>15</sup>, R<sup>16</sup>, R<sup>17</sup>, R<sup>18</sup>, R<sup>19</sup>, R<sup>20</sup>, and R<sup>21</sup> independently represent hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl, -CO-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-aryl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-heteroaryl, or -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-heterocyclyl;

R<sup>a</sup>, R<sup>c</sup>, R<sup>e</sup>, R<sup>f</sup>, R<sup>g</sup>, R<sup>h</sup>, R<sup>i</sup>, R<sup>j</sup>, R<sup>k</sup>, R<sup>l</sup>, R<sup>m</sup>, R<sup>n</sup>, R<sup>o</sup> and R<sup>p</sup> independently represent hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, or C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl;

R<sup>b</sup> and R<sup>d</sup> independently represent hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-SO<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, or each combination of R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup>, R<sup>c</sup> and R<sup>d</sup>, R<sup>g</sup> and R<sup>h</sup>, R<sup>i</sup> and R<sup>j</sup>, R<sup>k</sup> and R<sup>l</sup> and R<sup>m</sup> and R<sup>n</sup> together with the carbon atom to which they are attached may form a C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl group;

R<sup>12</sup> represents C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl;

q represents 0 to 3;

optional substituents for alkyl groups of R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup> include one or more halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, amino, cyano, or hydroxy groups;

and wherein said aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl groups may be optionally substituted by one or more (i) C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, (ii) halogen, (iii) -CF<sub>3</sub>, (iv) -OCF<sub>3</sub>, =O, (v) hydroxyl, (vi) C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, (vii) C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynyl, (viii) C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl, (ix) amino, (x) cyano, (xi) nitro, (xii) -NR<sup>22</sup>COR<sup>23</sup>, (xiii) -CONR<sup>22</sup>R<sup>23</sup>-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-NR<sup>22</sup>R<sup>23</sup> in which R<sup>22</sup> and R<sup>23</sup> independently represent hydrogen or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, (xiv) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, or (xv) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkanoyl groups;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

10. (New) A compound according to claim 9 which is selected from the group consisting of:

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-((*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-((*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-(ethanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-((*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-[(butane-1-sulfonyl)-phenyl-amino]-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-((*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-[phenyl-(propane-2-sulfonyl)-amino]-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-((*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-[methanesulfonyl-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-amino]-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-((*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-[methanesulfonyl-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-amino]-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-((*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-[methanesulfonyl-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-amino]-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-((*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-[methanesulfonyl-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-amino]-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-((*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-[(3,4-dichloro-phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-((*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-[(3,5-dichloro-phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-((*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-[(2-cyano-phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-((*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-[(4-cyano-phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-((*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-[(2-chloro-phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-((*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-[(4-chloro-phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-((*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-[(3-cyano-phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-((*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-[(3-chloro-phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-[(3-cyano-phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-[(3-chloro-phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-[methanesulfonyl-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-amino]-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-[methanesulfonyl-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-amino]-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-[(4-chloro-phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-[(3,5-dichloro-phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-(methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yl-amino)-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-(methanesulfonyl-pyridin-2-yl-amino)-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-(methanesulfonyl-pyridin-4-yl-amino)-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-(methanesulfonyl-naphthalen-1-yl-amino)-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-cyclopropylamino-2-hydroxy-propyl]-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-[1-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-1-methyl-ethylamino]-propyl]-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-(methanesulfonyl-naphthalen-2-yl-amino)-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-[(4-fluoro-phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-[(3-fluoro-phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-[(3,5-difluoro-phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-(1,5-dimethyl-hexylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-methoxy-benzylamino)-propyl]-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-[(1-ethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl)methyl]-amino]-2-hydroxy-propyl]-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-cyclohexylamino-2-hydroxy-propyl]-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-[(*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino]-2-hydroxy-propyl]-ethylamino-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-[(*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino]-hydroxy-propyl]-(benzyl-methyl-amino)-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-cyclohexylamino-2-hydroxy-propyl]-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-(2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-[(*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino]-2-hydroxy-propyl]-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-(2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-methoxy-benzylamino)-propyl]-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-(2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-(1,5-dimethyl-hexylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-(2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-(2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-bromo-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-ethynyl-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
(Methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-methyl-biphenyl-3-carboxylic acid [(1*S*,2*R*)-1-benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-amide;  
(Methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-dimethyl-biphenyl-3-carboxylic acid [(1*S*,2*R*)-1-benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-amide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-cyclopentyl-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-cyclohexyl-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-prop-1-ynyl-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-  
(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-nicotinamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-  
(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-isonicotinamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-cyclopropylamino-2-hydroxy-propyl]-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-  
amino)-(2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethoxy-benzylamino)-propyl]-  
(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-(2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-*C*-fluoro-  
(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-fluoro-  
(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-  
(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-methylsulfanyl-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-  
methanesulfonyl-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-ethylsulfanyl-  
(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-  
ethanesulfonyl-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-((*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-(1,1-  
dioxo-1<sup>6</sup>-isothiazolidin-2-yl)-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-((*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-  
(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-*N'*-*N'*-dipropyl-isophthalamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-ethoxy-  
(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-cyano-  
(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-  
(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-*C*-methyl-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-  
(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-methyl-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-chloro-  
(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-  
(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-*C*-methyl-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-[(4-fluoro-  
phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-(2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-[(3-fluoro-  
phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-(2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-[(3-methoxy-  
phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-(2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-benzamide;

*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-[(3,4-difluoro-phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-(2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-[methanesulfonyl-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-amino]-(2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-[(3,5-difluoro-phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-(2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-[(4-cyano-phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-(2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-[(3-cyano-phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-(2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-[(3-formamide-phenyl)-methanesulfonyl-amino]-(2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-isobutyl-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-Benzyl-hydroxy-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-3-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-5-vinyl-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-Benzyl-hydroxy-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-(Z/E)-propenyl-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-3-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-5-(2-methyl-propenyl)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-3-isopropenyl-5-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
5-(Methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-biphenyl-3-carboxylic acid [(1*S*,2*R*)-1-benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-amide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-Benzyl-hydroxy-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-3-ethyl-5-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-Benzyl-hydroxy-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-3-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-5-propyl-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-3-isopropyl-5-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-benzamide;  
*N*-[(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Benzyl-3-((*S*)-1-cyclohexylcarbamoyl-ethylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-3-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-5-methylamino-benzamide;  
Ethyl-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid [(1*S*,2*R*)-1-benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamino)-propyl]-amide; and  
Ethyl-(methanesulfonyl-phenyl-amino)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid [(1*S*,2*R*)-1-benzyl-2-hydroxy-3-(trimethyl-hexylamino)-propyl]-amide;  
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

11. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 9 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof in admixture with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable diluents or carriers.

12. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 10 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof in admixture with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable diluents or carriers.

13. (New) A method of treatment or prophylaxis of diseases characterised by elevated  $\beta$ -amyloid levels or  $\beta$ -amyloid deposits which comprises administering to a patient an effective amount of a compound of claim 9 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

14. (New) A method of treatment of prophylaxis of diseases characterized by elevated  $\beta$ -amyloid levels or  $\beta$ -amyloid deposits which comprises administering to a patient an effective amount of a compound of claim 10 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

15. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 9 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof for use in the treatment of diseases characterised by elevated  $\beta$ -amyloid levels or  $\beta$ -amyloid deposits.

16. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 10 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof for use in the treatment of diseases characterised by elevated  $\beta$ -amyloid levels or  $\beta$ -amyloid deposits.

17. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 9 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof in admixture with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable diluents or carriers.